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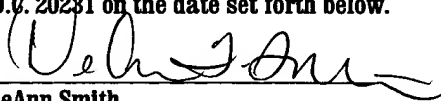
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on May 2, 2001. A separate petition for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-5, 7, 11-16, 27-29) without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the remaining claims in a separate application(s).

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' attorney at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

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